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FOR MONTEL AND SINDELAR

1. THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND TRADE SCREENINGS COMMITTEE,

MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (MOEA) MET ON AUGUST 8 TO
ALLOCATE PURCHASES OF APPLES FOR FALL 73 - SPRING 74.
DECISION, NOT ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY, IS TO BUY 100,000
CASES FROM JAPAN, 150,000 CASES FROM KOREA AND FROM
100,000 TO 150,000 CASES FROM US DEPENDING ON PRICE.

2. ON JULY 24, MOEA PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THAT AN IMPORT
OF APPLES AND OTHER FRUITS FROM THE US WAS NO LONGER
BANNED. PRIOR TO THIS DATE WE UNDERSTAND THAT BECAUSE
ALL 50 STATES WERE CONSIDERED INFESTED THERE WAS A BAN
ON FRUIT IMPORTS. THE JULY 24 RULING, IN LIFTING THIS
GENERAL BAN, NOW PERMITS FRUIT IMPORT ONLY IF CERTAIN
CONDITIONS ARE MET. EACH SHIPMENT OF APPLES, PEARS, PEACHES,
APRICOTS OR WALNUTS MUST REPEAT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A
CERTIFICATE FROM THE APPROPRIATE STATE GOVERNMENT'S
QUARANTINE AND INSPECTION OFFICE WHICH READS:

1) THIS SHIPMENT COMES FROM AN AREA FREE OF CODLING
MOTH AND APPLE MAGGOT INFESTATION, OR

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2) THIS SHIPMENT HAS BEEN PROPERLY FUMIGATED.

3. GRC IS WILLING TO COMPLETELY RELY ON EACH STATE'S QUARANTINE AND INSPECTION OFFICE'S CERTIFICATION BECAUSE IT IS AWARE OF THE HIGH STANDARDS REQUIRED BY THE US IN THIS AREA. TAIWAN WILL ATTEMPT TO SHIFT PURCHASES OF FRUITS, ESPECIALLY APPLES, FROM JAPAN TO THE US PROVIDING THE ABOVE CONDITION IS MET AND PRICE IS NOT EXCESSIVE.

4. PLEASE NOTIFY ALL STATE GOVERNMENTS OF THIS NEW REQUIREMENT ASAP AND URGE THEM TO PROMOTE SALE OF APPLES AND OTHER FRUITS TO TAIWAN.
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